

DPW UPDATE

May 2003

LUEG Fair 2003 To Take Over Felicita

Round up your favorite coworkers, plan those carpools and put on your walking shoes because the annual LUEG Employee Fair is back outdoors. This year's fair takes over Felicita County Park Wednesday, May 28, Tuesday, June 3 and Thursday, June 5.

Themed "Planning for the Future," the event emphasizes the County General Management System and how LUEG contributes to the three strategic initiatives: Kids, Environment, and Safe and Livable Communities.

From 9 a.m. to noon, you can check out booths featuring personal planning, career counseling, health care benefits, retirement preparation and more. DPW is setting up a vector truck to illustrate Stormwater Crew efforts. Other displays will highlight recycling facts and figures and exciting information about our Web site.

Exhibits from the Community Services, Health and Human Services, Finance and General Government, and Public Safety Groups will also be on site.

All employees are invited for lunch, catered by Cabo Café, immediately following the event. Meal tickets are \$5 and must be purchased in advance through your manager or supervisor. Proceeds from the meal benefit Monarch School, an educational facility for homeless children in San Diego.

"LUEG Fair Committee Members have worked diligently in the coordination of this event, so I expect it to be both informational and fun," said Staff Development Specialist Tina Walker.

This year's fair is a great opportunity to learn about other County departments in and outside LUEG. Contact your section manager or supervisor to let them know which date you plan to attend.

DPW "Brakes" for Bikes

For the 12th consecutive year, thousands of cyclists from around the County will push the pedal to the pavement on Bike To Work Day. The event encourages commuting to work by bicycle in an effort to reduce traffic congestion and air pollution in San Diego County.

Bike to Work Day 2003 is May 16 from 6 to 10 a.m. DPW will once again host its popular County cyclist pit stop on the lawn of Wells Fargo Bank at Clairemont Mesa Boulevard and Ruffin Road, where bicycling commuters can ride away with free T-shirts, fresh fruit, food, water and other souvenirs.

Cyclists also get free lifts from buses, trolleys and the Coaster throughout the day-long event. All public transit systems in the County are equipped with bike racks so cyclists traveling long distances can alternate their means of transportation.

Dust off that two-wheeler and cycle to work for cleaner air, healthier lifestyles and reduced traffic in San Diego County.



What's the Good Idea?

Pedestrian safety in unincorporated areas has “stepped up,” thanks to a good idea from DPW’s Traffic Engineering Section. After reviewing recent studies on pedestrian and road safety, Mike Robinson, program manager for Traffic Engineering and Los Mitigation, initiated a program to paint pedestrian crosswalks at signalized intersections on County roads.



“Walk” and “Don’t Walk” signals have been used for decades to tell pedestrians when they can safely cross a street. Painted crosswalks go a step further by directing pedestrians to the safest street-crossing location. Without them, pedestrians might cross at a dangerous location, jeopardizing their own personal safety, as well as the safety of passing motorists.

“Ultimately all of the signalized intersections on our roads will have painted crosswalks,” said Robinson. “We’ll work together with striping crews and crosswalks will be painted on an ongoing basis, depending on the time and materials available.”

The added signage also helps prevent vehicles from blocking pedestrian pathways, another traffic safety benefit of the program.

Painted crosswalks at Sweetwater Road and Tyler Street intersection.

Safety and Wellness

INJURED ON THE JOB?

by Leonard Snavelly, Safety Officer

At DPW we try hard to prevent injury. But if you are injured, it is important to know that immediate medical treatment is available at no cost to you at any U. S. HealthWorks Medical Center. While it is essential to report the injury immediately to your supervisor, treatment of your injury is more important. The only “paperwork” needed to show HealthWorks upon your arrival is your County ID badge. The locations of the HealthWorks Centers are posted on the Safety Bulletin Boards in all DPW facilities.

After receiving treatment, apply for worker’s compensation benefits through your supervisor who has the responsibility to 1) assure your injuries are promptly treated, 2) provide you with documents to be completed, and 3) monitor any follow-up treatment from the HealthWorks medical provider. You must also present your supervisor with all Primary Treating Physician’s Progress Reports (PR-2) and follow any instructions from the HealthWorks provider. Your supervisor is responsible for noting any work restrictions indicated by HealthWorks, in cooperation with the Safety Officer.

If you are a supervisor who has an injured employee, be sure to note the priorities above. Work injury documents should be submitted to the DPW Safety Office within 24 business hours of the injury being reported. You know you have the current set of documents if the packet has a green cover sheet revised 1/25/01. This sheet outlines the process. Completion of the State DWC Form 1 is time sensitive and is the top document in the packet. The address on line 10 is the work address of the injured employee. The County is “self insured” which is what is entered on line 14. As supervisor, you are the employer representative and sign all documents.

Remember to tear off the green page of the DWC Form 1 after you sign it and give it immediately to the injured employee. This is a legal receipt to your employee that he/she has applied for work injury benefits and has important information on the back.

After completion of all the documents including the DPW Accident Review Committee Conclusion Sheet, route the entire packet through your manager/deputy to the DPW Safety

Office. Your questions can be answered by calling Len Snavelly at (858) 694-2275 or Teresa Wiatrowski at (858) 571-5289.

Training

Be a Lifesaver: Learn the Defibrillator

by Kirsten Aaboe Hope, Training Coordinator

Public Works has received its defibrillators. They're currently being distributed to the various worksites, for use by authorized individuals. We want to make sure we have enough defibrillator certified employees at all of our DPW locations so we've scheduled a training session for those people who still want to receive training in CPR/defibrillator. By successfully completing the CPR/Defibrillator class, you'll earn your certification so that you can provide assistance if there's a need.

Any interested DPW employee is welcome: Tuesday May 20, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the County Operations Center, Emergency Operations Center Media Room.

Topics include:

- Early recognition of medical emergencies
- Signs and symptoms of heart attack, stroke and airway obstruction
- Managing the unconscious breathing patient
- Rescue breathing with and without barrier devices
- External cardiac compressions on pulseless patients
- Integration of AEDs and how they function
- Electrode pad placement and trouble-shooting problems
- Special considerations: medical patches, wet environment, pacemakers and age
- Participant practice in all skills with scenarios on manikins and AED trainer models

Please call the Training Office at 858-694-2204 to sign up for this session. Let's be there in time of need!

Ramona Air Fair

Ramona Airport is set to host another fun-filled flight celebration in San Diego's East County. The ninth annual Ramona Air Fair kicks off Friday May 30 and will run through Sunday, June 1.

From 5 to 10 p.m. on Friday, fairgoers can check out aircraft showcases, aviation art exhibits, antique tractor displays, a variety of food, drinks and more, all beneath the bursting of fireworks and the brilliant glow of a hot air balloon. A dance, featuring the 1950s rockabilly beat of Hotrod Lincoln, will heat up the dance floor from 7 to 10 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday events begin at 9 a.m. with daytime skies decorated by firefighting demonstrations, military fly-bys, airplane rides and skydiving exhibitions. The airport's first fair in 1995 featured only firefighting plane and helicopter demonstrations. Since then, the event has grown into a three-day, two-night aviation bash, attracting more than 36,000 spectators to the busiest aerial fire fighting attack base in the nation.

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for kids 12 and under. For more information, call (760) 788-6174 or check out www.ramonaairfair.org.

DIVISION NEWS:

Land Development

Brit Disaster Planner Eyes Flood Control

Gary Locker literally wrote the book on disaster planning for London. He came to Flood Control to learn more.

Locker is Coordinator for Emergency Policy for the Metropolitan Police Service and his visit to San Diego is part of a nationwide tour administered through the State Department. His book, *Major Incident Procedure Manual*, is the reference point for all London agencies and authorities.

During the DPW tour, Rand Allan and Cid Tesoro explained how DPW's Flood Control Section plans for natural disasters, deals with potential terror attacks and coordinates information with other agencies.



Flood Control's Rand Allan (center) explains County warning system to London's Gary Locker (right) during visit to DPW. Cid Tesoro (left) explained cooperation with other agencies.

Transportation Services

Earth Turns For Tower In Ramona

Sometime after September pilots approaching Ramona Airport will hear an air traffic controller providing weather information and landing instructions. That's when the first control tower will open at the facility.

Airports staff joined Deputy Director Larry Watt, Supervisor Dianne Jacob and other dignitaries last month for groundbreaking ceremonies for the \$1.5 million tower project. Ramona is home to the busiest aerial firefighting base in the country and the tower is expected to enhance safety. Ramona has more than 100,000 landings and takeoffs each year.

Groundbreaking ceremony for new control tower at Ramona Airport. Pictured (l-r): Rick Perez, project manager for Gordon-Prill; Jessica Shapiro of the FAA; Michael Khoury, County project manager; County Supervisor Dianne Jacob; Public Works Deputy Director Larry Watt; and Curtis Wright of Kimley-Horn

